

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claims 1-22 were pending. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 21-22 have been canceled as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue canceled subject matter in one or more continuing applications. Thus, claims 1-20 are now pending.

2. In the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2005, the Examiner argues that Applicant's response of October 18, 2005 fails to place the application in condition for allowance because the claims do not include limitations to the effect that the telephone device is "attached" to the feature server and that the feature server is "portable," per Applicant's remarks. Specifically with regard to the telephone interface, the Examiner deems Beyda's feature server to be "couplable" to a telephone device, although it is not "attached" to the telephone device. With regard to portability, the Examiner indicates that Beyda does not teach that his feature server is portable, but points out that the claims do not require portability. The Examiner indicates that Beyda would be eliminated as a reference if such language were to be added to the claims.

With regard to the telephone interface, Applicant respectfully submits that Beyda lacks a telephone interface and that the term "couplable" was sufficiently clear so as to distinguish the claims over Beyda. In order to advance prosecution, however, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to clarify that the telephone interface is connectable to an analog telephone device for, among other things, receiving telephone control signals entered through a keypad of the telephone device. Beyda clearly lacks such a telephone interface.

With regard to portability, Applicant respectfully submits that, while portability may be an advantage of the claimed apparatus compared with that of Beyda, portability is not a requirement of the claimed invention. Beyda does not

teach or otherwise suggest the claimed apparatus, whether the apparatus remains in a fixed location or is moved from place to place.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable over Beyda both alone and in combination with Haserodt. The Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the application. The Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Jeffrey T. Klayman, if it will assist further examination of this application.

3. Applicants petition for a two month extension of time. In the event that an additional extension is necessary, this conditional petition of extension is hereby submitted, and Applicants request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application.

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